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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR(S)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,600,462, granted February 4, 1997, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "Optical Film and Logical Crystal Display Device Using the Film", the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on February 2, 1999 as reissue application number 09/241,989 and was amended on October 29, 1999, November 30, 1999, August 30, 2000, December 21, 2001, December 27, 2001 and September 3, 2002, and February 3, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

1. I intended to describe and claim a feature of my invention of enhancing illumination through a film by "directionally distributing [diffused light] from smooth surfaces of the prisms". Such feature is shown in the drawings as filed in the original application from which the '462 patent issued. (See, for example, Figure 5, 55A, 56A, 57A, 58A and angle 'A'). Such feature was not claimed in the application and is not in the claims of the '462 patent.

2. Each of claims 1 to 7 of the '462 patent requires "a top angle of said isosceles triangle prisms in a range of 95 degrees to 120 degrees". I intended only that a top angle of about 90 degrees to about 120 degrees be required. A top angle of 90 degrees to 120 degrees was claimed in the initial filing of the original application from which the '462 patent issued.

These deficiencies arose after the filing of the original application from which the '462 patent issued and were caused by the failure of the patent attorney in appreciating the full scope of my invention.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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